

March 10, 1988

LB 1040A, 1040

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 1040 is advanced. The A bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1040A was introduced by Senator Warner as Chair of the Committee. (Title read.) The bill was referred directly to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as I indicated earlier, this is the appropriation which would reflect...necessary to reflect the provisions of LB 1040. There are, however, three other adjustments in salaries for three agencies included in the provisions of 1040A that would be apart from the other salary adjustments and those three agencies are in the court system, the state auditor and the Attorney General's Office. In the case of the court system, in addition to the funds authorized by the general salary adjustment, there is an additional \$267,292 that would go to county courts and probation salaries. We have been aware for a number of years, it has been a fact for a number of years that...in fact, ever since those positions in part came onto the state system, court system, that some of the employees, and these are, obviously, they are not the high-paying ones, were being paid at a level that was at a lower rate than like positions in other state agencies, but we've never been in a position financially or at least we didn't feel we were to begin to try to make some adjustment. So what the salary does, it does not raise those various job classifications up to their mid-range or anything like that, it raises them up only to the medium minimum, no, minimum permanent, minimum permanent salary level which is the lowest range within a pay classification after you've gone off of probation and it would get those positions up at least to that level. In the case of the state auditors, there are appropriations of \$128,617 General Fund, \$87,745 for Cash Funds and this is again the auditors in the state auditors system that we've been aware of a number of years that they've had very high turnover and what this does is bring those basic salary positions, and again, it's almost totally the lower range of auditor by classification, up to a somewhat compatible level with what we are paying for auditors such as in the Department of Revenue. I don't believe it brings them up...brings them also up only to the minimum permanent rate which is the lowest